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Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was at least moderate, best where feature activity was planned. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. Wings were at least adequate. Weights were mostly desirable.

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection Classified by Weight, WEEKENDING: Jan 15, 2005 FOOD SERVICE/

FAST FOOD RETAIL DEBONING TOTAL 4.20 & Down 4.21 - 5.255.26 & Up Weight Range 23,130 Total (000) 21,664 42,602 87,396 Percentage 26% 25% 49% 100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

| Live Weights | RTC WOG Weights | No. of Head (000) | Percentage of Total Slaughter |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3.60 lbs. & Lighter | Under 2 lbs., 8 oz. | 5,085 | 5.82 |
| 3.61 - 3.80 lbs. | 2 lbs., 8 oz. – 2 lbs., 10 oz. | 5,639 | 6.45 |
| 3.81 - 4.00 lbs | 2 lbs., 10 oz., -2 lbs., 12 oz. | 9,116 | 10.43 |
| 4.01 - 4.20 lbs. | 2 lbs., 12 oz 2 lbs., 14 oz.l | 3,290 | 3.76 |
| | | 23 130 | 26.46 |

BROILER EGG SET CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

| | | | | | Eggs Set | | Chicks Plac | ced P | relim. Fed. In | sp. | |
|-----------|---------|-----|---------|-----|----------|-----|-------------|-------|----------------|-----------|--|
| Slaughter | Egg | | Chic ks | | 10 Weeks | | 7 Weeks | | Million head | | |
| Week | Sets | | Placed | | Previous | | Previous | | Slaughtered | | |
| | (000) | %* | (000) | %* | (000) | %* | (000) | %* | (000) | %** | |
| Vov 27 | 209,690 | 100 | 167,598 | 102 | 197,409 | 102 | 161,147 | 102 | 117,717 | 75 | |
| Dec 04 | 208,631 | 102 | 171,017 | 102 | 201,409 | 103 | 164,803 | 103 | 162,589 | 138 | |
| Dec 11 | 209,455 | 101 | 171,742 | 103 | 200,166 | 103 | 165,107 | 104 | 159,818 | 98 | |
| Dec 18 | 210,893 | 103 | 173,336 | 102 | 202,866 | 103 | 165,948 | 104 | 159,224 | 100 | |
| Dec 25 | 210,007 | 102 | 170,610 | 101 | 196,263 | 105 | 162,009 | 105 | 125,118 | 79 | |
| an 01 | 210,659 | 102 | 172,321 | 102 | 194,298 | 102 | 162,389 | 105 | 137,675 | 110 | |
| an 08 | 211,371 | 102 | 173,506 | 104 | 197,554 | 103 | 163,047 | 104 | 160,263 | 116 | |
| an 15 | 209,323 | 101 | 172,115 | 103 | 200,982 | 100 | 166,083 | 101 | 159,418 | 99 | |
| an 22 | 210,089 | 102 | 172,652 | 104 | 207,843 | 101 | 171,274 | 102 | 149,431 | 94 | |

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

| Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.) | Majority | Current Week | Previous Week | Year Ago |
|---|----------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Week of 01/31/05 | | | | |
| NEW YORK Grade A Ice-packed | 68-71 | 70.74 | 71.58 | 77.17 |
| CHICAGO Grade A Ice-packed | 63-66 | 66.74 | 67.04 | 72.59 |
| LOS ANGELES Grade A Ice-packed | 80 | 79.13 | 79.15 | 76.21 |
| 12-CITY COMPOSITE Weighted Avg. | | 71.50 | 71.64 | 74.90 |
| GEORGIA DOCK FOB Wtd. Avg. (Wed Dock | 73.75) | 72.63 | 72.57 | 70.07 |
| SOUTHERN STATES FOB Whole Body 5 Day A | Avg. | 49.86 | 48.26 | 66.45 |

| Broile r/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.) | Northeast | Southern States | Georgia |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Weekly Weighted Average | (Delivered) | (FOB) | (FOB) |
| | 01/28/05 | 01/28/05 | 01/31/05 |
| Breast – B/S | 153.33 | 161.98 | 160.00 |
| Tenderloins | 120.73 | 126.17 | 165.00 (Line run) |
| Breast – Line Run | 88.76 | 83.35 | 85.00 (Whole) |
| Leg Quarters | 30.34 | 27.60 | 31.50 |
| Wings | 125.86 | 121.13 | 121.50 |

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